

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1,5,7, and 30 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic equipment, comprising:
 - a main body having a main display section;
 - an auxiliary display section fixed to the main body and configured to display status information of the electronic equipment;
 - a plurality of buttons positioned adjacent the auxiliary display section, including a plurality of application buttons having respective instruction contents which differ, depending on an operation mode of the electronic equipment;
 - a mode select button, configured to instruct the operation mode of the electronic equipment, positioned adjacent the auxiliary display section at a position distinguished positionally from the plurality of buttons positions;
 - a lid selectively moveable between an opened position in which the main and auxiliary display sections ~~and the plurality of buttons~~ are visible and a closed position in which the main display section is not visible but the auxiliary display section, ~~the plurality of buttons and the mode select button~~ remains visible from an outside of the electronic equipment when the lid is in the closed position; and
 - a controller configured to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons, within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to the respective plurality of buttons, depending on the operation mode of the electronic equipment;
 - wherein the auxiliary display section, the plurality of buttons including the application buttons, and the mode select button remain visible from the outside of the electronic equipment in each of the open position of the lid, the closed position of the lid and an intermediate position between the open and closed positions of the lid.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of buttons are all provided above or below the auxiliary display section.

4. (Original) The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

5. (Currently Amended) A status display control apparatus for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main body having a main display section, an auxiliary display section fixed to the main body, a plurality of buttons positioned adjacent the auxiliary display section and including a plurality of application buttons having instructing contents which differ, depending on an operation mode of the electronic equipment, a mode select button configured to instruct the operation mode of the electronic equipment and positioned adjacent the auxiliary display section at a position distinguished positionally from those of the plurality of buttons positions and a lid selectively moveable between an opened position in which the main and auxiliary display sections ~~and the plurality of buttons~~ are visible and a closed position in which the main display section is not visible but the auxiliary display section, ~~the plurality of buttons and the mode select button~~ remains visible from an outside of the electronic equipment when the lid is in the closed position, said status display control apparatus comprising:

a controller configured to display status information in the auxiliary display section, and to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons depending on the operation mode of the electronic equipment;

wherein the auxiliary display section, the plurality of buttons including the application buttons, and the mode select button remain visible from the outside of the electronic equipment in each of the open position of the lid, the closed position of the lid and an intermediate position between the open and closed positions of the lid.

6. (Original) The status display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to display status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main body having a main display section, an auxiliary display section fixed to the main body, a plurality of buttons positioned adjacent the auxiliary display section and including a plurality of application buttons having instruction contents which differ, depending on an operation mode of the electronic equipment, a mode select button configured to instruct the operation mode of the electronic equipment and positioned adjacent the auxiliary display section at a position distinguished positionally from those of the plurality of buttons, and a lid selectively moveable between an opened position in which the main and auxiliary display sections ~~and the plurality of buttons~~ are visible and a closed position in which the main display section is not visible but the auxiliary display section, ~~the plurality of buttons and the mode select button~~ remains visible from an outside of the electronic equipment when the lid is in the closed position, said program comprising:

a control procedure controlling the computer to display the status information in the auxiliary display section, and to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons depending on the operation mode of the electronic equipment;

wherein the auxiliary display section, the plurality of buttons including the application buttons, and the mode select button remain visible from the outside of the electronic equipment in each of the open position of the lid, the closed position of the lid and an intermediate position between the open and closed positions of the lid.

8. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 7, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

9. (Original) The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of buttons are exposed when the lid is closed.

10. (Original) The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: another auxiliary display section that is covered by the lid when the lid is closed.

11. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipments as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

the main body provided with the plurality of buttons and accommodating the controller, said lid member being pivotally mounted on the main body; and
another auxiliary display section that is provided on the main body or the lid member.

12. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, further comprising:

the lid being mounted to the main body for rotation between the opened and closed positions thereof.

13. (Original) The electronic equipment according to claim 12, wherein:
the main display is mounted on a main surface of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, opposes a corresponding main surface of the main body.

14. (Original) The status display apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the plurality of buttons are exposed when the lid is closed.

15. (Original) The status display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

another auxiliary display section that is covered by the lid when the lid is closed.

16. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

the main body provided with the plurality of buttons and accommodating the controller, said lid member being pivotally mounted on the main body; and
another auxiliary display section that is provided on the main body or the lid member.

17. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

the lid being mounted to the main body for rotation between the opened and closed positions thereof.

18. (Original) The status display control apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:
the main display is mounted on a main surface of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, opposes a corresponding main surface of the main body.

19. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of buttons are exposed when the lid is closed.

20. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, further comprising:
another auxiliary display section that is covered by the lid when the lid is closed.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, further comprising:
the main body provided with the plurality of buttons and accommodating the controller, said lid member being pivotally mounted on the main body; and
another auxiliary display section that is provided on the main body or the lid member.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, further comprising:

the lid being mounted to the main body for rotation between the opened and closed positions thereof.

23. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 22, wherein:
the main display is mounted on a main surface of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, opposes a corresponding main surface of the main body.

24. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, where if the plurality of buttons and the mode select button are positioned above and/or below the auxiliary display section.

25. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus according to claim 5, wherein if the plurality of buttons and the mode select button are positioned above and/or below the auxiliary display section.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of buttons and the mode select button are positioned above and/or below the auxiliary display section.

27. (Previously Presented) The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein the main and auxiliary section display sections and the plurality of buttons are visible from a common viewing position in the opened position of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons and the mode select button remain visible from the common viewing position.

28. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the main and auxiliary section display sections and the plurality of buttons are visible from a common viewing position in the opened position of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons and the mode select button remain visible from the common viewing position.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the main and auxiliary section display sections and the plurality of buttons are visible from a common viewing position in the opened position of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons and the mode select button remain visible from the common viewing position.

30. (Currently Amended) An electronic equipment, comprising:
an auxiliary display section fixed to a main body having a main display section and configured to display status information of the electronic equipment; and
a lid selectively moveable between an opened position in which the main and auxiliary display sections are visible and a closed position in which the main display section is not visible but the auxiliary display section remains visible from an outside of the electronic equipment;
wherein the auxiliary display section, a plurality of buttons including a plurality of application buttons, and a mode select button remain visible from the outside of the electronic

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equipment in each of the open position of the lid, the closed position of the lid and an intermediate position between the open and closed positions of the lid.